

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF O'FALLON, IL

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 6, 2004

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, today I'd like my colleagues to join me in honoring the Sesquicentennial of one of the oldest communities in my congressional district, O'Fallon, Illinois.

The City of O'Fallon, Illinois was named in honor of Colonel John O'Fallon. Colonel O'Fallon was a soldier, businessman, real estate owner and public minded citizen. His father, James O'Fallon was a physician who came to this country shortly before the Revolutionary War and served as a surgeon in George Washington's Army. After the war, he went to Louisville, Kentucky where he met and married Frances Clark, a sister of George Rogers Clark and William Clark, army officers, who became famous during the Corps of Discovery exploration of the Louisiana Territory in 1804 and for later development of the Mississippi Valley.

Colonel John O'Fallon's father died when he was a child and he was reared and educated by his mother and uncles. With his army background, he became a soldier. He fought in the War of 1812, where he rose to the rank of Captain. After the war ended, O'Fallon became assistant Indian Agent to his Uncle William Clark of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Later he became a contractor, buying and selling Army supplies. He invested his money and became involved with the expanding railroad industry across the nation. He promoted the Missouri Pacific railroad, as well as the Wabash and B&O railroads. His involvement with railroads and the purchase of lands led him to become the namesake of both O'Fallon, Illinois and O'Fallon, Missouri.

Colonel O'Fallon purchased lands in an area north of St. Louis which lead to the development of the community of O'Fallon Park, Missouri. Always civic-minded, Colonel O'Fallon gave generously to St. Louis University and Washington University and also formed an institute which became the forerunner of today's St. Louis High Schools and the City of St. Louis' public library.

O'Fallon, Illinois was originally platted from lands surrounding the train depot and water tank built for the operation of the B&O railroad. Town lots were platted by Ernest Tiedemann under the direction of Frederick A. Carpenter and Hugh O. Sheerbarth. On May 18, 1854 these lots were sold at a public auction. John and Sarah Distler had erected a log cabin on the site in 1851, but the first house in O'Fallon was built by Anderson Umbarger in 1855. The first post office was established in 1855. O'Fallon was incorporated as a village on January 27, 1874.

A newly replicated depot stands near the site of the beginnings of this community. O'Fallon's early growth was due to the large coal mining industry in the region.

O'Fallon was also home to major businesses like Willard Stove, Tiedeman Milling and the Independent Engineering Company. O'Fallon also had abundant agricultural land which supported large farming operations.

Today, O'Fallon is a community of over 20,000 people. It continues to grow because

of its proximity to Scott Air Force Base and St. Louis. It sits astride I-64 and boasts three interchange exits where large commercial and retail developments are clustered. O'Fallon also is home to the O'Fallon Township High School, which is recognized as one of the top high schools in the region and the state of Illinois. The high school is also home to the Marching Panthers Band, which has won several national awards and is a regular participant in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City.

The City of O'Fallon continues the growth and development envisioned by Captain O'Fallon. The rail line he developed continues to run through the community delivering vital commerce and supplies to areas to the west.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the founding of the community and the people of the City of O'Fallon on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary.

**HONORING THE CAREER OF JAN
McBRIDE**

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of a woman of our community as she prepares to retire from professional life. Jan McBride has spent a career in the service of health care delivery, and her imprimatur is throughout our region of Northwest Ohio.

Starting as a pediatric nurse, Jan McBride rose through the ranks of Toledo Hospital and its parent ProMedica Health System, and has been the President of Toledo Children's Hospital since 1998. A balance of compassion and business acumen has marked her tenure in the corporate structure. An engaging leader, Jan McBride has developed many people while moving the Toledo Hospital and ProMedica Health System forward.

Even while pursuing an extensive corporate schedule, Jan McBride has never neglected her civic responsibilities as a community citizen. She has gone "above and beyond" in her commitment to a variety of health, community, and business concerns, serving as an active officer of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's NW Ohio Chapter, the Hospital Council of NW Ohio, Junior Achievement of NW Ohio, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Lucas County ARC (Association of Retarded Citizens), the National Youth Sports Program, the Neighborhood Health Association, Ohio Children's Hospital Association, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Rotary Club of Toledo, United Way of Greater Toledo, the University of Toledo Alumni Association, and the Zonta Club of Toledo. Her efforts have earned her awards of recognition including the Tribute to Women in Industry, Women in Communication, Alpha Omicron Pi Fraternity, and Juvenile Diabetes Foundation honoree.

For forty years, Jan McBride has given of herself to her career and the causes in which she believes. She leaves our community richer, stronger, healthier, and kinder. I know my colleagues join me in wishing Jan McBride well as she writes new chapters in her book of life. Onward!

CONGRATULATING ROBERT L. SATCHER—A MEMBER OF NASA'S 2004 ASTRONAUT CANDIDATE CLASS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 6, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the eleven men and women of NASA's 2004 Astronaut Candidate Class. I especially want to congratulate one of the astronauts, Dr. Robert L. Satcher Jr., who is a constituent of mine, the 7th District of Illinois.

Dr. Robert L. Satcher, Jr., was born in Hampton, Virginia to Robert L. Sr. and Marian H. Satcher; in 1965 and currently lives in Oak Park, Illinois with his wife D'Juanna White. He received his Bachelors of Science in Chemical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1986. In 1993 and 1994 he received his Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering at MIT and his M.D. at Harvard University respectively. He is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Northwestern University, The Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois.

Today is a proud day for space in the 7th District of Illinois, the United States and the world. These eleven men and women represent the next generation of explorers; they are the ones who will lead us into the future of space exploration, of the Moon, Mars and beyond. They will serve as role models to teach and excite the future generation of explorers.

Mr. Speaker, once again I congratulate these men and women on their hard work, dedication and this great accomplishment and wish them luck as they embark on this journey.

**HONORING WEST NEW YORK
LEONES CUBANOS DE HUDSON**

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the West New York Leones Cubanos de Hudson in celebration of its 25th anniversary. The West New York Leones Cubanos de Hudson commemorated their 25th anniversary on Saturday, April 24, 2004, at the Landmark in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

West New York Leones Cubanos de Hudson is the largest Lions Club in the State of New Jersey, and the fourth largest in the United States. With a membership of 260 dedicated men and women, the West New York Lions Club has been able to take an active role in civic, cultural, and social events. A non-political and non-sectarian group, the Lions Club is renowned for its sight-related programs, providing services to the blind, including guide dogs, walking canes, and vocational training.

Since 1979, the West New York Leones Cubanos de Hudson has done an exceptional service for its community with the help of dedicated individuals. Working with local churches, hospitals, clinics, summer programs, shelters,